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SUBJECT: RUMOR OF GDR INTENTION TO MODIFY EAST BERLIN BOUNDARY

REFS: A) BONN 934, B) MOSCOW 507

1. OUR FRENCH COLLEAGUES HERE HAVE WHAT IS PRESUMEDLY
SAME REPORT TO WHICH FRENCH BONN GROUP REP REFERRED.
FRENCH MINISTER ASKED GOVERNING MAYOR AT MEETING WITH
COMMANDANTS JANUARY 17 WHETHER SENAT HAD ANY INFORMATION
ON GDR PLANS TO CREATE NEW, TENTH, BEZIRK INCLUDING LAND
NOW IN GDR. BOTH SCHUETZ AND SENATOR STOBBE SAID THEY
KNEW OF NOTHING OTHER THAN LONG-PUBLIC PLANS TO CARVE
A NINTH BEZIRK OUT OF EXISTING TERRITORY OF EAST BERLIN.

2. WE OF COURSE AGREE WITH BOISSEAU'S ANALYSIS OF
STATUS IMPLICATIONS WHICH CHANGE IN BOUNDARIES OF GREATER
BERLIN COULD HAVE. ONLY WAY THOSE BOUNDARIES COULD BE
CHANGED WOULD BE BY NEW FOUR POWER AGREEMENT OR BY
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LOWER LEVEL AGREEMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, SENAT-GDR, WHICH WAS
PROVIDED FOUR POWER COVER. FRENCH, HOWEVER, HAVE THUS
FAR ONLY TOLD US THAT THEIR SOURCE IS A JOURNALISTIC
ONE.

3. WE RECALL THAT WHEN REPORTS OF PLANS FOR NINTH
BEZIRK FIRST BEGAN TO CIRCULATE ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO,

SOVIETS AND GDR WERE QUICK TO PASS MESSAGE TO US THAT
NO CHANGE IN BERLIN'S OUTER BOUNDARIES WAS INVOLVED.
IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT BONDARENKO'S COMMENTS JANUARY 11
WAS MEANT AS AN INDIRECT REFUTATION OF A RUMOR THAT
SOVIETS HAD HEARD THEMSELVES. IT ALSO OCCURS TO US
THAT PREVIOUS SENSITIVITY DEMONSTRATED ON THIS SUBJECT
BY SOVIETS AND GDR SUGGESTS THAT, IF WE PICK UP HARDER
INFORMATION THAT CONFIRMS FRENCH REPORT, WE MIGHT
CONSIDER AN EARLY PROPHYLACTIC APPROACH TO SOVIET
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